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SUBJECT: ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION - PHASE VII

REF: BOGOTA 1278

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, MEETING OF INTERINSTITUTIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE WAS CALLED FOR 4 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9. COLONEL JULIO LONDONO, CHIEF, DIVISION OF FRONTIERS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS PRESIDED. WASHINGTON DECISION NOT TO ACCEDE TO LONDONO'S SUGGESTION ABOUT SYMBOLIC GIFT WAS PASSED TO HIM BEFORE MEETING. IN MEETING WITH COLONEL LONDONO THURSDAY, AFTERNOON, (FEB 10) EMBASSY OFFICER WAS GIVEN FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR PHASE VII OF ALPHA HELIX TO TAKE PLACE IN COLOMBIAN TERRITORY. LONDONO SAID THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD RECEIVED SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION OF THE HEADS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES TO VOTE AS SYEY DID. ACCORDING TO LONDONO, THE DECISION WAS BASED ON THE CONCLUSION BY THE COMMITTEE THAT RESOLUTION 626 BIS (INCLUDING ARTICLE 3) DID APPLY TO PHASE VII. FAILURE TO AGREE TO COMPLY WITH RESOLUTION 626 BIS LEFT
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COMMITTEE NO CHOICE BUT TO REJECT REQUEST. LONDONO SAID THAT TIMING OF ALPHA HELIX REQUEST WAS UNFORTUNATE SINCE COMMITTEE HAD JUST CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SIMILAR EXPEDITION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL, WHICH HAD OFFERED DONATION OF ONE MILLION PESOS WORTH OF EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT (TO BE TURNED OVER AT THE END OF THE EXPEDITION) AND FOUR ALL-EXPENSES-PAID SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNIVERISTY OF

LIVERPOOL FOR POST-EXPEDITION STUDIES OF ONE YEAR.

3. LONDONO SAID THAT AFTER MEETING HE HAD REPORTED THE DECISION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (SECOND RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY), WHO TOLD HIM THAT THERE WAS NOTHING FURTHER THAT COULD BE DONE IN THE MATTER.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOC DECISION IS FIRM AND FINAL, AND SEES NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY PURSUING THE MATTER FURTHER. SANCHEZ

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